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## **30 CHARGED IN FEDERAL DRUG INDICTMENTS**

RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN, United States Attorney, Northern District of New York, announces that two indictments unsealed today in United States District Court charge eighteen (18) persons with being members of two drug trafficking conspiracies operating in Utica, New York. The Indictments allege that the groups trafficked cocaine and cocaine base (crack).<sup>1</sup> The defendants were charged with conspiring to distribute these drugs from the summer of 2011 through June 26, 2012. The following defendants were arrested or sought today :

**US v. SEAN HAGANS, et al. 5:13-CR-137**  
**Sean Hagans, a/k/a "Pretty," 42, of Utica, NY,**  
**Timothy Rider, 46, of Utica, NY,**  
**Alexis Tarris, 26, Frankfort, NY,**  
**Scott Fyfe, 41, Utica, NY, and**  
**Michael Lynch, 39, of Utica, NY.**

**US v. REID SOOK, et al. 5:13-CR-187**  
**Reid Sook, a/k/a "Country," 38, of Utica, NY,**  
**Arthur Charles Robinson, 24, of Utica, NY,**  
**John Robinson, a/k/a "Pooh Bear," 38, of Utica, NY,**  
**Cecil Jeffrey Palmer, a/k/a "Cry Baby," 42, of Utica, NY,**  
**Alexis Tarris, 26, Frankfort, NY,**  
**Scott Fyfe, 41, Utica, NY,**  
**Brandon Winn, 20, of Niagara Falls, NY,**  
**Dennis Amsdill, 29, of Lewiston, NY,**  
**Kimberly Springer, 31, of Utica, NY,**  
**Raymond Schloop, 41, of Utica, NY,**  
**Jim Caruso, 46, of Utica, NY,**  
**Michael Rossi, a/k/a "Ross," 50, of Utica, NY,**

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<sup>1</sup> The allegations contained in the Indictments are mere accusations; and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.